
Linear Algebra Done Right

Solutions To Chapter 1 Exercises

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1. $\frac{1}{a+bi} = c+di$
 $1 = (c+di)(a+bi)$
 $1 = ac + adi + bci + bd(i)^2$
 $1 = ac - bd + (ad + bc)i$

$$ac - bd = 1$$

$$ad + bc = 0, \quad c = \frac{-ad}{b}$$

$$\frac{a(-ad)}{b} - bd = 1$$

$$\frac{-a^2d}{b} - bd = 1$$

$$(-a^2 - b^2)d = b$$

$$d = \frac{b}{-a^2 - b^2} = \frac{-b}{a^2 + b^2} \text{ thus, } c = \frac{-ab}{(-a^2 - b^2)b} = \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$d = \frac{-b}{a^2 + b^2} \quad c = \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2}$$

2. To show $\frac{-1+3\sqrt{3}i}{2}$ is a cube root of 1 we can just take $\frac{-1+3\sqrt{3}i}{2}$ and cube it.

$$\left(\frac{-1+3\sqrt{3}i}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1-2\sqrt{3}i-3}{4}$$

$$\frac{(1-2\sqrt{3}i-3)}{4} \frac{(-1+3\sqrt{3}i)}{2} = \frac{(-1+3\sqrt{3}i+9-3\sqrt{3}i)}{8} = \frac{8}{8} = 1, \text{ which is the result}$$

we were looking for. Thus $\frac{-1+3\sqrt{3}i}{2}$ is a cubed root of 1.

3. Let $v \in V$ where V is a vector space, then $-v$ is the additive inverse of v .
Consider $-(-v)$. By the properties of vector spaces $-(-v) = 0 + -(-v)$
 $= v + -v + -(-v) = v$, as desired.